



Journey Beads

Bringing the healing power of art to children who are facing a life changing medical condition

Every child diagnosed with cancer or a blood disorder embarks on a journey shaped by struggles and triumphs. Bronson Children's Hospital and Glass Art Kalamazoo created the Journey Beads program to give courage to pediatric patients as they experience the struggles and triumphs of their condition.

Journey Beads symbolize significant milestones in a child's treatment. Each bead is a celebration of progress and a powerful story-telling tool. Every bead is uniquely crafted with care by community artists, and in the hands of a child, tells a powerful story of strength and hope.



How Can You Help?

Join our partnership of art, compassion and community

Volunteer

We need experienced and aspiring artists to help us meet the need for beads! Glass Art Kalamazoo offers studio space and equipment free of charge to Journey Bead makers. Glass material is also provided at no cost.

For guidelines, or to schedule studio time, contact Glass Art Kalamazoo at (269) 552-9802, or info@glassartkalamazoo.org. Training is available for those with no or little experience. Visit glassartkalamazoo.org for class schedules and pricing.

Donate

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Help the Journey Beads program continue to thrive and expand with a financial gift. Please visit bronsonfoundation.com/journeybeads to learn more or to donate online, or contact the Bronson Health Foundation at (269) 341-8100 or healthfoundation@bronsonhg.org.

